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SUBJECT: SOVIET STATEMENT ON NPD PARTICIPATION IN
WEST BERLIN ELECTIONS

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1. ACTING SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR BURDAKIN CALLED ON US
(CHAIRMAN) POLAD AUGUST 30 FOR LOW-KEY DELIVERY OF
ANTICIPATED STATEMENT ON ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF NPD TO
PARTICIPATE IN MARCH 1975 WEST BERLIN ELECTIONS (PARA 4, REFTTEL).
STATEMENT READ, IN ROUGH TRANSLATION, AS FOLLOWS:

"THE NEO"NAZI NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WEST BERLIN
HAS ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO TAKE PART IN THE ELECTIONS TO THE
MUNICIPAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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"IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SOVIET EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT

NECESSARY TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS TO THE INTRIGUES OF THE NPD IN THE CITY. THE EMBASSY STARTS FROM THE FACT THAT THESE ACTIVITIES OF THE NPD CONTRADICT KNOWN DECLARATIONS OF THE ALLIES OF THE WARTIME AND POSTWAR PERIODS, AS WELL AS THE PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971.

"THE SOVIET SIDE HOPES THAT, AS HAS HAPPENED MORE THAN ONCE IN THE PAST, THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE NPD IN THE ELECTIONS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF WEST BERLIN."

2. POLAD RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT STATEMENT FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

3. EXPRESSING "PERSONAL" OPINION, BURDAKIN SAID THAT NPD QUESTION SHOULD NOT LEAD TO SERIOUS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOVIETS AND ALLIES. EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT WE COULD REACH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS, AND WE SHOULD NOT SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON THIS MATTER. BURDAKIN POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT FIRST TIME THAT SOVIETS HAD DRAWN ALLIED ATTENTION TO NPD.KLEIN

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